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you've got here for us. Can you...can you explain that to me a little bit, what will happen to those...those assessments as they were based on the model that came out of the committee last summer.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, Senator Dierks, and certainly the Chair of the committee may well be able to expand upon this, but it is my understanding that, along with a lot of other work, LR 146 was conducted by committee staff. It is further my understanding that what I believe to have been the reported average cash rent for any of your counties was taken times the total irrigated dryland or grass acreage in your county. Now there are, in fact, four major classes of product...in productivity classes, one, two, three, and four. Some of that difference is reflected in cash rent but if, for an example, those figures were off a little bit and the bulk of the irrigated land in one or more of your counties was, in fact, primarily sand which took...or other lighter soils which took a lot of care, a significant amount of water, and it had a productivity ranking of four, which is the poorest, then I rather suspect that, in effect, if this bill is put into place, that the valuations would be something less than what had been predicted by LR 146. LR 146, as I understand it, was designed and conducted to give an indication of what the statewide valuation change might be and I do not believe was designed to provide finite values for each and every acre, in each an every county, in each and every use under all of the types of production in the state. I just simply believe that it was an indicator and that the real results will quite probably be something less than or more than, but the odds are in counties with less productive soils, for the most part, the figure will probably be less.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I just wanted to stand up and talk about this bill a little bit more. I realize that we need to do this and we got to get it over on productivity. All the other...a lot of the other states around